

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TOYOSHIMA ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 10/089,004

FILED: MARCH 22, 2002

FOR: WATER-ELECTROLYSIS-DEVICE-USE

ELECTRODE PLATE, UNIT, SOLID ELECTROLYTIC MEMBRANE UNIT AND

ELECTROLYTIC CELL

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 59173-8013.US01

EXAMINER:

UNKNOWN

ART UNIT:

1741

STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2002, more than 24 months prior to the date of this letter. A Notice of Acceptance of Application was mailed on May 31, 2002 and a Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document was mailed on July 31, 2002. No actions on the merit have been received respecting this application. It is necessary, therefore, to establish that no action is currently pending.

It is kindly requested that Applicant be provided with an official paper specifying an approximate date on which an action on the merits can be or should have been expected.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to be charged, and any overpayments are authorized hereby to be credited to deposit account number 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted.

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